

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 (Primary Sponsor)  
 4 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS FOR THE  
 6 DISTRESSED WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-  
 7 11-222, 90-1-501, 90-1-503, AND 90-1-504, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."  
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
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11 **Section 1.** Section 5-11-222, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"5-11-222. Reports to legislature.** (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (1)(b) and (6), a report to  
 13 the legislature means a biennial report required by the legislature and filed in accordance with 5-11-210 on or  
 14 before September 1 of each year preceding the convening of a regular session of the legislature.

15 (b) If otherwise specified in law, a report may be required more or less frequently than the biennial  
 16 requirement in subsection (1)(a).

17 (2) Reports to the legislature include:

18 (a) annual reports on the unified investment program for public funds and public retirement  
 19 systems and state compensation insurance fund assets audits from the board of investments in accordance  
 20 with Article VIII, section 13 of the Montana constitution;

21 (b) federal mandates requirements from the governor in accordance with 2-1-407;

22 (c) activities of the state records committee in accordance with 2-6-1108;

23 (d) revenue studies from the director of revenue, if requested, in accordance with 2-7-104;

24 (e) legislative audit reports from the legislative audit division in accordance with 2-8-112 and 23-7-  
 25 410;

26 (f) progress on gender and racial balance from the governor in accordance with 2-15-108;

27 (g) a mental health report from the ombudsman in accordance with 2-15-210;

28 (h) policies related to children and families from the interagency coordinating council for state

1 prevention in accordance with 2-15-225;

2 (i) watercourse name changes, if any, from the secretary of state in accordance with 2-15-401;

3 (j) results of programs established in 2-15-3111 through 2-15-3113 from the livestock loss board  
4 in accordance with 2-15-3113;

5 (k) the allocation of space report from the department of administration required in accordance  
6 with 2-17-101;

7 (l) information technology activities in accordance with 2-17-512;

8 (m) state strategic information technology plan exceptions, if granted, from the department of  
9 administration in accordance with 2-17-515;

10 (n) the state strategic information technology plan and biennial report from the department of  
11 administration in accordance with 2-17-521 and 2-17-522;

12 (o) reports from standing, interim, and administrative committees, if prepared, in accordance with  
13 2-17-825 and 5-5-216;

14 (p) statistical and other data related to business transacted by the courts from the court  
15 administrator, if requested, in accordance with 3-1-702;

16 (q) the judicial standards commission report in accordance with 3-1-1126;

17 (r) an annual report on the actual cost of legislation that had a projected fiscal impact from the  
18 office of budget and program planning in accordance with 5-4-208;

19 (s) a link to annual state agency reports on grants awarded in the previous fiscal year established  
20 by the legislative finance committee in accordance with 5-12-208;

21 (t) reports prepared by the legislative fiscal analyst, and as determined by the analyst, in  
22 accordance with 5-12-302(4);

23 (u) a report, if necessary, on administrative policies or rules adopted under 5-11-105 that may  
24 impair the independence of the legislative audit division in accordance with 5-13-305;

25 (v) if a waste of state resources occurs, a report from the legislative state auditor, in accordance  
26 with 5-13-311;

27 (w) school funding commission reports each fifth interim in accordance with 5-20-301;

28 (x) a report of political committee operations conducted on state-owned property, if required, from

- 1 a political committee to the legislative services division in accordance with 13-37-404;
- 2 (y) a report concerning taxable value from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-1-
- 3 205;
- 4 (z) a report on tax credits from the revenue interim committee in accordance with 15-30-2303;
- 5 (aa) semiannual reports on the Montana heritage preservation and development account from the
- 6 Montana heritage preservation and development commission in accordance with 15-65-121;
- 7 (bb) general marijuana regulation reports from the department of revenue in accordance with 16-12-
- 8 110;
- 9 (cc) medical marijuana registry reports from the department of revenue in accordance with 16-12-
- 10 532(3);
- 11 (dd) annual reports on general fund and nongeneral fund encumbrances from the department of
- 12 administration in accordance with 17-1-102;
- 13 (ee) loans or loan extensions authorized for two consecutive fiscal years from the department of
- 14 administration and office of commissioner of higher education, including negative cash balances from the
- 15 commissioner of higher education, in accordance with 17-2-107;
- 16 (ff) a report of local government entities that have balances contrary to limitations provided for in
- 17 17-2-302 or that failed to reduce the charge from the department of administration in accordance with 17-2-304;
- 18 (gg) an annual report from the board of investments in accordance with 17-5-1650(2);
- 19 (hh) a report on retirement system trust investments and benefits from the board of investments in
- 20 accordance with 17-6-230;
- 21 (ii) recommendations for reductions in spending and related analysis, if required, from the office of
- 22 budget and program planning in accordance with 17-7-140;
- 23 (jj) a statewide facility inventory and condition assessment from the department of administration
- 24 in accordance with 17-7-202;
- 25 (kk) actuarial reports and investigations for public retirement systems from the public employees'
- 26 retirement board in accordance with 19-2-405;
- 27 (ll) a work report from the public employees' retirement board in accordance with 19-2-407;
- 28 (mm) annual actuarial reports and evaluations from the teachers' retirement board in accordance with

- 1 19-20-201;
- 2 (nn) reports from the state director of K-12 career and vocational and technical education, as
- 3 requested, in accordance with 20-7-308;
- 4 (oo) 5-year state plan for career and technical education reports from the board of regents in
- 5 accordance with 20-7-330;
- 6 (pp) a gifted and talented students report from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-
- 7 7-904;
- 8 (qq) status changes for at-risk students from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-9-
- 9 328;
- 10 (rr) status changes for American Indian students from the office of public instruction in accordance
- 11 with 20-9-330;
- 12 (ss) reports regarding the Montana Indian language preservation program from the office of public
- 13 instruction in accordance with 20-9-537;
- 14 (tt) proposals for funding community colleges from the board of regents in accordance with 20-15-
- 15 309;
- 16 (uu) expenditures and activities of the Montana agricultural experiment station and extension
- 17 service, as requested, in accordance with 20-25-236;
- 18 (vv) reports, if requested by the legislature, from the president of each of the units of the higher
- 19 education system in accordance with 20-25-305;
- 20 (ww) reports, if prepared by a public postsecondary institution, regarding free expression activities on
- 21 campus in accordance with 20-25-1506;
- 22 (xx) reports from the Montana historical society trustees in accordance with 22-3-107;
- 23 (yy) state lottery reports in accordance with 23-7-202;
- 24 (zz) a report from the division of banking and financial institutions, if required, from the department
- 25 of administration in accordance with 32-11-306;
- 26 (aaa) state fund reports, if required, from the commissioner in accordance with 33-1-115;
- 27 (bbb) reports from the department of labor and industry in accordance with 39-6-101;
- 28 (ccc) victim unemployment benefits reports from the department of labor and industry in accordance

- 1 with 39-51-2111;
- 2 (ddd) state fund business reports in accordance with 39-71-2363;
- 3 (eee) risk-based capital reports, if required, from the state fund in accordance with 39-71-2375;
- 4 (fff) child custody reports from the office of the court administrator in accordance with 41-3-1004;
- 5 (ggg) reports of remission of fine or forfeiture, respite, commutation, or pardon granted from the
- 6 governor in accordance with 46-23-316;
- 7 (hhh) annual statewide public defender reports from the office of state public defender in accordance
- 8 with 47-1-125;
- 9 (iii) a trauma care system report from the department of public health and human services in
- 10 accordance with 50-6-402;
- 11 (jjj) an older Montanans trust fund report from the department of public health and human services
- 12 in accordance with 52-3-115;
- 13 (kkk) Montana criminal justice oversight council reports in accordance with 53-1-216;
- 14 (lll) medicaid block grant reports from the department of public health and human services in
- 15 accordance with 53-1-611;
- 16 (mmm) reports on the approval and implementation status of medicaid section 1115 waivers in
- 17 accordance with 53-2-215;
- 18 (nnn) provider rate, medicaid waiver, or medicaid state plan change reports from the department of
- 19 public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-101;
- 20 (ooo) medicaid funding reports from the department of public health and human services in
- 21 accordance with 53-6-110;
- 22 (ppp) proposals regarding managed care for medicaid recipients, if required, from the department of
- 23 public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-116;
- 24 (qqq) suicide reduction plans from the department of public health and human services in
- 25 accordance with 53-21-1102;
- 26 (rrr) a compliance and inspection report from the department of corrections in accordance with 53-
- 27 30-604;
- 28 (sss) emergency medical services grants from the department of transportation in accordance with

1     61-2-109;

2             (ttt)     annual financial reports on the environmental contingency account from the department of

3     environmental quality in accordance with 75-1-1101;

4             (uuu)     the Flathead basin commission report in accordance with 75-7-304;

5             (vvv)     a report from the land board, if prepared, in accordance with 76-12-109;

6             (www)    an annual state trust land report from the land board in accordance with 77-1-223;

7             (xxx)     a noxious plant report, if prepared, from the department of agriculture in accordance with 80-7-

8     713;

9             (yyy)     state water plans from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance

10    with 85-1-203;

11            (zzz)     reports on the allocation of renewable resources grants and loans for emergencies, if required,

12    from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 85-1-605;

13            (aaaa)    water storage projects from the governor's office in accordance with 85-1-704;

14            (bbbb)    upper Clark Fork River basin steering committee reports, if prepared, in accordance with 85-2-

15    338;

16            (cccc)    upland game bird enhancement program reports in accordance with 87-1-250;

17            (dddd)    private land/public wildlife advisory committee reports in accordance with 87-1-269;

18            (eeee)    a future fisheries improvement program report from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in

19    accordance with 87-1-272;

20            (ffff)    license revenue recommendations from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in

21    accordance with 87-1-629;

22            (gggg)    land information data reports from the state library in accordance with 90-1-404;

23            (hhhh)    hydrocarbon and geology investigation reports from the bureau of mines and geology in

24    accordance with 90-2-201;

25            (iiii)    coal ash markets investigation reports from the department of commerce in accordance with

26    90-2-202;

27            (jjjj)    an annual report from the pacific northwest electric power and conservation planning council in

28    accordance with 90-4-403;

(kkkk) community property-assessed capital enhancements program reports from the Montana facility finance authority in accordance with 90-4-1303;

(llll) veterans' home loan mortgage loan reports from the board of housing in accordance with 90-6-604;

(mmmm) matching infrastructure planning grant awards by the department of commerce in accordance with 90-6-703(3); and

(nnnn) treasure state endowment program reports from the department of commerce in accordance with 90-6-710;

(3) Reports to the legislature include reports made to an interim committee as follows:

(a) reports to the law and justice interim committee, including:

(i) findings of the domestic violence fatality review commission in accordance with 2-15-2017;

(ii) the report from the missing indigenous persons review commission in accordance with 2-15-2018;

(iii) reports from the department of justice and public safety officer standards and training council in accordance with 2-15-2029;

(iv) information on the Montana False Claims Act from the department of justice in accordance with 17-8-416;

(v) annual case status reports from the attorney general in accordance with 41-3-210;

(vi) office of court administrator reports in accordance with 41-5-2003;

(vii) statewide public safety communications system activities from the department of justice in accordance with 44-4-1606;

(viii) reports on the status of the crisis intervention team training program from the board of crime control in accordance with 44-7-110;

(ix) restorative justice grant program status and performance from the board of crime control in accordance with 44-7-302;

(x) reports on offenders under supervision with new offenses or violations from the department of corrections in accordance with 46-23-1016;

(xi) supervision responses grid reports from the department of corrections in accordance with 46-

- 1 23-1028;
- 2 (xii) statewide public defender reports and information from the office of state public defender in
- 3 accordance with 47-1-125;
- 4 (xiii) every 5 years, a percentage change in public defender funding report from the legislative fiscal
- 5 analyst in accordance with 47-1-125;
- 6 (xiv) every 5 years, statewide public defender reports on the percentage change in funding from the
- 7 office of state public defender in accordance with 47-1-125; and
- 8 (xv) a report from the quality assurance unit from the department of corrections in accordance with
- 9 53-1-211;
- 10 (b) reports to the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee, including:
- 11 (i) a report that includes information technology activities and additional information from the
- 12 information technology board in accordance with 2-17-512 and 2-17-513;
- 13 (ii) a report from the capitol complex advisory council in accordance with 2-17-804;
- 14 (iii) a report on the employee incentive award program from the department of administration in
- 15 accordance with 2-18-1103;
- 16 (iv) a board of veterans' affairs report in accordance with 10-2-102;
- 17 (v) a report on grants to the Montana civil air patrol from the department of military affairs in
- 18 accordance with 10-3-802;
- 19 (vi) annual reports on statewide election security from the secretary of state in accordance with 13-
- 20 1-205;
- 21 (vii) a report regarding the youth voting program, if requested, from the secretary of state in
- 22 accordance with 13-22-108;
- 23 (viii) a report from the commissioner of political practices in accordance with 13-37-120;
- 24 (ix) a report on retirement system trust investments from the board of investments in accordance
- 25 with 17-6-230;
- 26 (x) actuarial valuations and other reports from the public employees' retirement board in
- 27 accordance with 19-2-405 and 19-3-117;
- 28 (xi) actuarial valuations and other reports from the teachers' retirement board in accordance with



1 19-20-201 and 19-20-216;

2 (xii) a report on the reemployment of retired members of the teachers' retirement system from the  
3 teachers' retirement board in accordance with 19-20-732; and

4 (xiii) changes, if any, affecting filing-office rules under the Uniform Commercial Code from the  
5 secretary of state in accordance with 30-9A-527;

6 (c) reports to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee, including:

7 (i) performance data from the department of public health and human services in accordance with  
8 2-15-2225;

9 (ii) quarterly reports on data requirements from the department of public health and human  
10 services in accordance with 5-12-303;

11 (iii) prescription drug registry reports from the board of pharmacy in accordance with 37-7-1514;

12 (iv) Montana HELP Act workforce development reports from the department of public health and  
13 human services in accordance with 39-12-103;

14 (v) annual reports from the child and family ombudsman in accordance with 41-3-1211;

15 (vi) reports on activities and recommendations on child protective services activities, if required,  
16 from the child and family ombudsman in accordance with 41-3-1215;

17 (vii) reports on the out-of-state placement of high-risk children with multiagency service needs from  
18 the department of public health and human services in accordance with 52-2-311;

19 (viii) private alternative adolescent residential and outdoor programs reports from the department of  
20 public health and human services in accordance with 52-2-803;

21 (ix) an annual Montana parents as scholars program report from the department of public health  
22 and human services in accordance with 53-4-209;

23 (x) provider rate, medicaid waiver, or medicaid state plan change reports from the department of  
24 public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-101;

25 (xi) a report concerning mental health managed care services, if managed care is in place, from the  
26 advisory council in accordance with 53-6-710;

27 (xii) quarterly medicaid reports related to expansion from the department of public health and  
28 human services in accordance with 53-6-1325;

- 1 (xiii) annual Montana developmental center reports from the department of public health and human
- 2 services in accordance with 53-20-225; and
- 3 (xiv) annual children's mental health outcomes from the department of public health and human
- 4 services in accordance with 53-21-508;
- 5 (xv) suicide reduction plans from the department of public health and human services in
- 6 accordance with 53-21-1102;
- 7 (d) reports to the economic affairs interim committee, including:
- 8 (i) the annual state compensation insurance fund budget from the board of directors in
- 9 accordance with 5-5-223 and 39-71-2363;
- 10 (ii) general marijuana regulation reports from the department of revenue in accordance with 16-12-
- 11 110(3);
- 12 (iii) medical marijuana registry reports from the department of revenue in accordance with 16-12-
- 13 532(3);
- 14 (iv) annual reports on complaints against physicians certifying medical marijuana use from the
- 15 board of medical examiners in accordance with 16-12-532(4);
- 16 (v) an annual report on the administrative rate required from the department of commerce from the
- 17 Montana heritage preservation and development commission in accordance with 22-3-1002;
- 18 (vi) state fund reports from the insurance commissioner, if required, in accordance with 33-1-115;
- 19 (vii) risk-based capital reports, if required, from the state fund in accordance with 33-1-115 and 39-
- 20 71-2375;
- 21 (viii) annual reinsurance reports from the Montana reinsurance association board required in
- 22 accordance with 33-22-1308;
- 23 (ix) reports from the department of labor and industry concerning board attendance in accordance
- 24 with 37-1-107;
- 25 (x) annual reports on physician complaints related to medical marijuana from the board of medical
- 26 examiners in accordance with 37-3-203;
- 27 (xi) prescription drug registry reports from the board of pharmacy in accordance with 37-7-1514;
- 28 (xii) status reports on the special revenue account and fees charged as a funding source from the

- 1 board of funeral service in accordance with 37-19-204;
- 2 (xiii) unemployment insurance program integrity act reports from the department of labor and
- 3 industry in accordance with 39-15-706;
- 4 (xiv) status reports on the ~~distressed~~ wood products industry revolving loan program from the
- 5 department of commerce in accordance with 90-1-503;
- 6 (e) reports to the education interim committee, including:
- 7 (i) reemployment of retired teachers, specialists, and administrators reports from the retirement
- 8 board in accordance with 19-20-732;
- 9 (ii) a report on participation in the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military
- 10 children in accordance with 20-1-231;
- 11 (iii) grow your own grant program reports from the commissioner of higher education in accordance
- 12 with 20-4-601;
- 13 (iv) standards of accreditation proposals and economic impact statements from the board of public
- 14 education in accordance with 20-7-101;
- 15 (v) advanced opportunity program reports from the board of public education in accordance with
- 16 20-7-1506;
- 17 (vi) progress on transformational learning plans from the board of public education in accordance
- 18 with 20-7-1602;
- 19 (vii) budget amendments, if needed, from school districts in accordance with 20-9-161;
- 20 (viii) annual Montana resident student financial aid program reports from the commissioner of higher
- 21 education in accordance with 20-26-105;
- 22 (ix) a historic preservation office report from the historic preservation officer in accordance with 22-
- 23 3-423; and
- 24 (x) interdisciplinary child information agreement reports from the office of public instruction in
- 25 accordance with 52-2-211;
- 26 (f) reports to the energy and telecommunications interim committee, including:
- 27 (i) the high-performance building report from the department of administration in accordance with
- 28 17-7-214;

- 1 (ii) an annual report from the consumer counsel in accordance with 69-1-222;
- 2 (iii) annual universal system benefits reports from utilities, electric cooperatives, and the
- 3 department of revenue in accordance with 69-8-402;
- 4 (iv) small-scale hydroelectric power generation reports from the department of natural resources
- 5 and conservation in accordance with 85-1-501; and
- 6 (v) geothermal reports from the Montana bureau of mines and geology in accordance with 90-3-
- 7 1301;
- 8 (g) reports to the revenue interim committee, including:
- 9 (i) use of the qualified endowment tax credit report from the department of revenue in accordance
- 10 with 15-1-230;
- 11 (ii) tax rates for the upcoming reappraisal cycle from the department of revenue in accordance with
- 12 15-7-111;
- 13 (iii) gray water property tax abatement usage reports from the department of revenue in
- 14 accordance with 15-24-3211;
- 15 (iv) information about job growth incentive tax credits from the department of revenue in
- 16 accordance with 15-30-2361;
- 17 (v) student scholarship contributions from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-30-
- 18 3112;
- 19 (vi) tax havens from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-31-322;
- 20 (vii) media production tax credit economic impact reports from the department of commerce in
- 21 accordance with 15-31-1011;
- 22 (viii) medical marijuana registry reports from the department of revenue in accordance with 16-12-
- 23 532(5);
- 24 (ix) complaints against physicians certifying use of medical marijuana from the board of medical
- 25 examiners in accordance with 16-12-532(5); and
- 26 (x) reports that actual or projected receipts will result in less revenue than estimated from the office
- 27 of budget and program planning, if necessary, in accordance with 17-7-140;
- 28 (h) reports to the transportation interim committee, including:

- 1 (i) biodiesel tax refunds from the department of transportation in accordance with 15-70-433;
- 2 (ii) cooperative agreement negotiations from the department of transportation in accordance with
- 3 15-70-450;
- 4 (iii) an annual alternative project delivery contracting report from the department of transportation in
- 5 accordance with 60-2-119; and
- 6 (iv) a special fuels inspection report from the department of transportation in accordance with 61-
- 7 10-154;
- 8 (i) reports to the environmental quality council, including:
- 9 (i) compliance and enforcement reports required in accordance with 75-1-314;
- 10 (ii) the state solid waste management and resource recovery plan, every 5 years, from the
- 11 department of environmental quality in accordance with 75-10-111;
- 12 (iii) annual orphan share reports from the department of environmental quality in accordance with
- 13 75-10-743;
- 14 (iv) Libby asbestos superfund oversight committee reports in accordance with 75-10-1601;
- 15 (v) annual subdivision sanitation reports from the department of environmental quality in
- 16 accordance with 76-4-116;
- 17 (vi) state trust land accessibility reports from the department of natural resources and conservation
- 18 in accordance with 77-1-820;
- 19 (vii) biennial land banking reports and annual state land cabin and home site sales reports from the
- 20 department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 77-2-366;
- 21 (viii) biennially invasive species reports from the departments of fish, wildlife, and parks and natural
- 22 resources and conservation in accordance with 80-7-1006;
- 23 (ix) annual upper Columbia conservation commission reports in accordance with 80-7-1026;
- 24 (x) annual invasive species council reports in accordance with 80-7-1203;
- 25 (xi) sand and gravel reports, if an investigation is completed, in accordance with 82-2-701;
- 26 (xii) annual sage grouse population reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in
- 27 accordance with 87-1-201;
- 28 (xiii) annual gray wolf management reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in

- 1     accordance with 87-1-901;
- 2             (xiv)     biennial Tendoy Mountain sheep herd reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in
- 3     accordance with 87-2-702;
- 4             (xv)     wildlife habitat improvement project reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in
- 5     accordance with 87-5-807; and
- 6             (xvi)     annual sage grouse oversight team activities and staffing reports in accordance with 87-5-918;
- 7             (j)        reports to the water policy interim committee, including:
- 8             (i)        drought and water supply advisory committee reports in accordance with 2-15-3308;
- 9             (ii)       total maximum daily load reports from the department of environmental quality in accordance
- 10    with 75-5-703;
- 11            (iii)     state water plans from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance
- 12    with 85-1-203;
- 13            (iv)     small-scale hydroelectric power generation reports from the department of natural resources
- 14    and conservation in accordance with 85-1-501;
- 15            (v)       renewable resource grant and loan program reports from the department of natural resources
- 16    and conservation in accordance with 85-1-621;
- 17            (vi)     quarterly adjudication reports from the department of natural resources and conservation and
- 18    the water court in accordance with 85-2-281;
- 19            (vii)    water reservation reports from the department of natural resources and conservation in
- 20    accordance with 85-2-316;
- 21            (viii)   instream flow reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with 85-2-
- 22    436; and
- 23            (ix)     ground water investigation program reports from the bureau of mines and geology in
- 24    accordance with 85-2-525;
- 25            (k)       reports to the local government interim committee, including:
- 26            (i)       sand and gravel, if an investigation is completed, in accordance with 82-2-701;
- 27            (ii)       assistance to local governments on federal land management proposals from the department
- 28    of commerce in accordance with 90-1-182; and

- (iii) emergency financial assistance to local government reports from the department of commerce, if requests are made, in accordance with 90-6-703(2);
    - (l) reports to the state-tribal relations committee, including:
      - (i) reports from the missing indigenous persons review commission in accordance with 2-15-2018;
      - (ii) the Montana Indian language preservation program report from the state-tribal economic development commission in accordance with 20-9-537;
      - (iii) reports from the missing indigenous persons task force in accordance with 44-2-411
      - (iv) a decennial economic contributions and impacts of Indian reservations report from the department of commerce in accordance with 90-1-105;
      - (v) state-tribal economic development commission activities reports from the state-tribal economic development commission in accordance with 90-1-132; and
      - (vi) state-tribal economic development commission reports provided regularly by the state director of Indian affairs in accordance with 90-11-102.
  - (4) (a) Except as provided in subsections (4)(b) and (6) and unless otherwise required by law, a report made to the legislature in accordance with subsection (3) may be provided orally before September 1 of each year preceding the convening of a regular session of the legislature and in accordance with 5-11-210(1)(b).
  - (b) After receiving an oral report, an interim or administrative committee responsible for receiving the report may request a written report be filed with the legislature in accordance with 5-11-210(1)(a).
  - (c) This section may not be interpreted to preclude an interim or administrative committee from requesting additional information.
  - (5) Reports to the legislature include multistate compact and agreement reports including:
    - (a) multistate tax compact reports in accordance with 15-1-601;
    - (b) interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children reports in accordance with 20-1-230 and 20-1-231;
    - (c) compact for education reports in accordance with 20-2-501;
    - (d) Western regional higher education compact reports in accordance with 20-25-801;
    - (e) interstate insurance product regulation compact reports in accordance with 33-39-101;

- (f) interstate medical licensure compact reports in accordance with 37-3-356;
  - (g) interstate compact on juveniles reports in accordance with 41-6-101;
  - (h) interstate compact for adult offender supervision reports in accordance with 46-23-1115;
  - (i) vehicle equipment safety compact reports in accordance with 61-2-201;
  - (j) multistate highway transportation agreement reports in accordance with 61-10-1101; and
  - (k) western interstate nuclear compact reports in accordance with 90-5-201.
- (6) Reports, transfers, statements, assessments, recommendations and changes required under 17-7-138, 17-7-139, 17-7-140, 19-2-405, 19-2-407, 19-3-117, 19-20-201, 19-20-216, 20-7-101, 23-7-202, 33-1-115, and 39-71-2375 must be provided as soon as the report is published and publicly available. Reports required in subsections (2)(a), (2)(gg), (2)(hh), and (3)(b)(ix) must be provided following issuance of reports issued under Title 5, chapter 13."

**Section 2.** Section 90-1-501, MCA, is amended to read:

**"90-1-501. Revolving loan program for ~~distressed~~ wood products industry -- finding.** (1) ~~Due to the current, well-documented decline in the wood products industry in Montana, the~~ The legislature finds that there is a need to assist the Montana wood products industry as a whole through a revolving loan program.

(2) There is a special revenue account called the ~~distressed~~ wood products industry revolving loan account to the credit of the department of commerce.

(3) (a) The ~~distressed~~ wood products industry revolving loan account consists of money deposited into the account from an appropriation in Chapter 489, Laws of 2009, and money from any other source. Any interest earned by the account must be deposited into the account and used to sustain the program.

(b) Loan repayments and any interest generated from loan repayments must be used as revolving loans for the wood products industry and are subject to the provisions of subsections (5) through (7).

(4) In any biennium, up to 36% of the funds in the ~~distressed~~ wood products industry revolving loan account, not to exceed \$2.7 million, may be used as matching funds to secure additional federal money. Federal funds must be deposited in a federal special revenue account and used for loans in accordance with this part. ~~State matching funds must be deposited in a special revenue account called the distressed wood products matching fund.~~



(5) (a) Funds from the ~~distressed~~ wood products industry revolving loan account may be loaned to:

(i) individuals, including private contractors related to the wood products industry; or

(ii) businesses defined as small businesses pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the United States small business administration pursuant to 13 CFR 121, et seq.

(b) Loans made pursuant to this subsection (5) must be made to individuals or small businesses that are part of the critical, primary wood-processing infrastructure ~~and have suffered economic hardships~~.

(6) Loans must be used to sustain and grow the wood products industry in Montana. Loans may be used for:

(a) the purchase or lease of land or equipment;

(b) updating infrastructure, including retrofitting of infrastructure to facilitate new uses;

(c) working capital;

(d) debt service;

(e) matching funds for grants or other loans that comply with the intent of this section; or

(f) any other use the department determines would sustain and grow the wood products industry.

(7) (a) A loan may not exceed \$2 million, and the loan must be repaid within 15 years.

(b) A loan recipient may apply for another loan pursuant to this section 2 years or more after the date the previous loan was approved."

**Section 3.** Section 90-1-503, MCA, is amended to read:

**"90-1-503. Outcome measures.** (1) The department of commerce shall develop reasonable outcome measures by which the success of the ~~distressed~~ wood products industry revolving loan program provided for in this part must be measured on an annual basis. Minimal outcome that must be measured includes:

(a) the uses of loan funds that provided the best overall results; and

(b) a determination of the overall success of the loan program, including but not limited to the number of jobs created or retained, pay levels, financial status, reports on project activities, the growth of a local economy, and the taxable value of property or equipment.

(2) The department may require information from entities receiving loans in order to measure outcome.

(3) In accordance with 5-11-210, the department shall provide a status report of the distressed wood products industry revolving loan account to the economic affairs interim committee provided for in 5-5-223."

**Section 4.** Section 90-1-504, MCA, is amended to read:

**"90-1-504. Use of funds -- statutory appropriation.** Money in the distressed wood products industry revolving loan account, ~~the distressed wood products matching fund,~~ and the related federal special revenue fund is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, for the purpose of administering this part."

NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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